



REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application No.	09/509,418
Filing Date:	July 11, 2000
Title:	ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AGAINST THYMIDYLATE SYNTHASE
Inventors:	KOROPATNICK et al.
Group Art Unit:	1635
Examiner:	J. Epps
Atty Docket No.:	24911

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed.Reg. 50092 9Aug. 16, 2000; Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. _____ Previously submitted
- i. _____ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R.
§1.116 previously filed on _____.
- ii. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or
Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- ii. _____ Other_____

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b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Response and Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____.

2. Miscellaneous

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)

b. _____ Other _____.

3. Fees

(The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Acct. No. 14-0112.

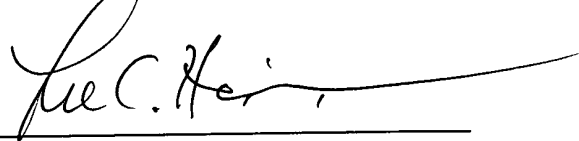
i. ☒ RCE fee of \$ 750.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) is enclosed.

iii. _____ Other _____.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT WITH RCE

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Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed with a Request for Continuing Examination, and is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 16, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire July 16, 2003. A two month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to September 16, 2003.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. Please amend the application as follows: